

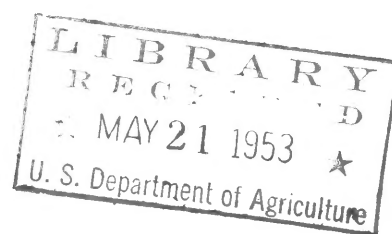
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TUBEROUS ROOTED BEGONIAS

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New Garden Aristocrats



This year for the first time, we are offering to our customers one of the very finest of bedding plants, tuberous Begonias. With their huge camelia-like blooms in the most eye-catching pastel shades and their rich foliage, they instantly become the focal point of any garden. They are unsurpassed for planting in the shade.

When you receive your plants from us they will be fully established in a prepared soil ready to start their summer long seige of bloom. Not at all difficult plants, they do demand certain conditions to develop into specimens. First, a location must be chosen which will afford shade for the plants during at least a part of the day but for most home owners a shady corner is a constant problem, there being so few plants which will produce satisfactory color without the benefit of direct sunlight. Any light soil containing a lot of humus will produce good begonias. Good drainage is important. Heavy soils should have a good application of cow manure, leaf mold, or sand. If the soil is too light and sandy, humus or well rotted manure should be added to enrich it. If well grown specimens are desired, additional feeding will be required with either fish or cottonseed meals, both of which give excellent results. A tablespoon for small plants and two for large plants placed in the bottom of the planting hole will be sufficient. The plants should always be placed with the tips of the leaves pointing towards the front of the bed as the blossoms will always open in that direction.

After transplanting, gentle watering is best until they are well-established. Too heavy watering may pack the soil and cause a rot of the leaves and stem. Later when the plants are in full growth they require a steady supply of moisture as they have a shallow root system and any drying out will give a setback to normal development. Evening waterings should be avoided if possible as they may result in serious slug injury.

If the above cultural instructions are followed carefully, the results will more than repay themselves. For the person who has never before grown tuberous begonias is promised one of home-gardening's greatest thrills.

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